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With this edition, the year of '99-'00 closes. The long-wished-for Commencement has come and gone. The capacity of the daily passenger trains on the 12th and 13th were severely tried, to accommodate the rush of cadets, trunks and luggage, which covered the depot platform, eager for home and dear ones. (We mean the cadets.) The past session has been one of marked progress along some lines, but in others there is still room improvement. However, taking it as a whole, the session has been one of much enjoyment and good work, and everyone, without doubt, is proud of our record. Especially is this so in athletics, in which essential branch we have made gigantic strides as compared with previous years. Last year,

we went down in humiliating defeat before the rush line of the 'varsity eleven, but this year we held them down to an insignificant score, and even that was disputed! It was even admitted by one of their faculty that, figuratiely speaking, we were a hot potato, one bite of which satisfied the 'varsity and determined them to let the rest alone! Mighty Sewanee, made vain onslaughts on our invincible line, and only won the game by cunning and strategy, learned from long training and experience. These are but instances of our improvement. However, next year let us do better. Let every body join hands so that we can say that our grand old A. & M. is first in everything—and second to none!

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It was with astonishment and indignation that we heard of the late action of the Alumni in abolishing the office of Editor of the Alumni Department of the "Battalion." Has the interest of the members in their alma mater flagged to such an extent that they will neglect this, the medium through which old ties are kept fast bound, old memories kept green, and the love and reverence of their college fostered and preserved? Shall it be said by our sister colleges that our Alumni are indifferent to the interests of the place which equipped them for life's battles, shaped their ideas and young manhood, and sent them out into the world bearing its proud signature on their diplomas? Shame on you! Perhaps this is strong language, but we feel it to be our duty to make